

REMARKS

The application includes claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-13, 20-23, and 26 prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner objected to claims 2, 4, 20, and 26 for minor informalities.

The examiner objected to claims 4-8, are 21-23 as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

The examiner allowed claims 10, and 12-13.

The applicants amend claims 2, 4, 20, and 26.

Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-13, 20-23, and 26 remain in the application after entering this amendment.

The applicants do not add new matter and request reconsideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicants amend claims 2, 4, 20, and 26 to correct informalities and place claims 2, 4-8, 20-23, and 26 in condition for the examiner's allowance.

Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the examiner and does not concede that the examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

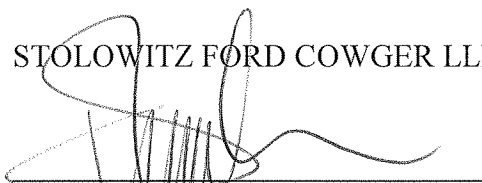
Conclusion

For the above reasons, the applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-13, 20-23, and 26. The applicants encourage the examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 224-2170 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in furthering prosecution.

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